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Public Notice – Closure of Environmental Case

This will serve as notice that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) will be soliciting comments from the public regarding the pending closure of an environmental case at 1045 Park Avenue, Chico, California (Site).

SUBJECT SITE:

Halimi Property
1045 Park Avenue, Chico, Butte County

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENT PERIOD: 5 December 2016 through
2 February 2017**

SUMMARY:

The Central Valley Water Board currently regulates an environmental case at the subject property regarding a historical release of gasoline and diesel. The Site was previously used as an auto service and repair shop, radiator shop, auto body and paint shop, dry cleaners and possibly a service station. The lateral and vertical extent of soil and groundwater impacts has been adequately defined. Eighteen soil samples and fifteen grab groundwater samples were collected at the Site in 2009. In 2011, four 500-gallon single walled steel underground storage tanks (UST's) and two 19-gallon pressure vessels, and associated product piping were removed from the Site, and contaminated soils were over excavated in conjunction with this removal. Furthermore, from 2010 until 2016, groundwater samples were collected periodically from four monitoring wells installed at and downgradient of the Site. In general, soil results show low to no concentrations of petroleum and associated compounds. It appears that soil impacts are limited in depth and extent to the southwest end of the property. Groundwater samples show low levels of gasoline and diesel in three monitoring wells. However no benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, or xylene was detected in monitoring well samples and only one oxygenate was detected and at relatively low concentrations. Groundwater contamination is horizontally limited to the south end of the property and along Park Avenue, a major road in Chico. Impacts to monitoring wells located along Park Avenue may be comingled with spills along the road. Soil-gas results indicate that the residual contamination associated with the former USTs does not pose a significant health risk from vapor intrusion into buildings located onsite or a vapor intrusion risk to Oakdale School. As such, the Site appears to meet the criteria of the State Water Resources Control Board's 'Low Threat Closure Policy'. Given these conditions, the Central Valley Water Board is recommending that the environmental case on the subject property be closed.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

General Information regarding the Site can be obtained from the State Water Board's GeoTracker web site at:

http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000002906

All interested agencies, groups and persons wishing to comment on the pending case closure must provide these comments in writing. The comments should be submitted by **2 February 2017** to the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002. For information, please call Melissa Buciak at (530) 224-4854, or contact her by e-mail at

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